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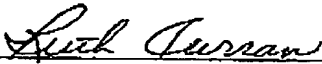
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a circular method for pickling copper and copper alloys. So far it has not been possible to pickle copper and copper alloys of different compositions with one pickling solution having the same basic composition. According to the inventive method, a sulfuric ferric sulfate solution with or without peroxydisulfate is used to pickle copper or copper alloys. The spent pickling solution is regenerated in one or more regeneration electrolytic cells which are partitioned by ion exchange membranes or porous diaphragms. The dissolved copper is cathodically deposited and the ferric sulfate is anodically reoxidized, whereby optionally peroxydisulfate is formed. The regenerated pickling solution enriched with oxidizing agent is fed again to the pickling solution to adjust a predetermined redox potential. The method is suitable for the surface treatment of semi-finished copper and copper-alloy products and articles for removing oxide films and for activating the surface before a surface refinement by electropolishing is carried out.

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  4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
  5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
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  6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
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  7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
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- ☒ Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or the indicated items in paragraph 3 below. The Basic National Fee and the copy of the international application must be filed prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment.
 

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- The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
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  - ☒ Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
  - ☒ Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), properly identifying the application (preferably by the International application number and international filing date). A surcharge will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
 

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- Additional claim fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due (37 CFR 1.492(g)). See attached PTO-875.
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